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## Split disbursement required for all military travelers

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — All military travelers must now select the split disbursement option on their travel voucher claims to directly pay their government travel card expenses, according to finance officials.

Split disbursement requires travelers to tally up their GTC expenses and authorize enough funds to be sent automatically to Bank of America to pay off their charges, said Michael Weber, Air Force travel card program manager at the Pentagon. Any remaining travel settlement will still be sent to the traveler's personal account.

"Although this change was mandated by the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act to reduce the number of delinquent travel card accounts, split disbursement really is a win-win for everyone," Weber said. "It simplifies the payment process for travelers, gets the bank their money more quickly and reduces the number of delinquent accounts."

Nearly half of all Air Force travelers already use split disbursement on a regular basis when filing their vouchers because it simplifies the process for them, Weber said.

"Airmen no longer have to wait for their travel money to be credited to their personal accounts before they can mail a check to the bank," he said.

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Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Bogart

### Dedication milestone

Col. Thomas Travis, right, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, joins 311th Communications Squadron Commander Major Ian Sablaad, right, former 311th HSW Vice Commander, Col. Stuart Cowles, and Airman Artin Avetyan of the Com-

munication Squadron for the ceremonial ribbon cutting in Bldg. 749. The ceremony marked the completion of the first major construction project at City-Base. The \$950,000 project began in October. See story, Page 3.

## Blue, silver AEFs get rotations back on track

Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON - The Air Force is establishing two transitional air and space expeditionary forces, blue and silver, to put the deployment schedule back on track by March 2004 and to bring home deployed airmen as quickly as possible.

"We envision these two 120-day rotations filling the requirements of combatant commanders through spring when we can once again implement the normal steady-state AEF rotation," said Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon. "Additionally, we can expect some aircraft, aircrew and associated maintenance rotations outside these two transitional AEFs as we attempt to get them back to the normal schedule next spring."

The blue AEF will be on call to fulfill mission requirements between July and November, Peppe said. Silver will be on call from November through March.

"The magnitude of the various combatant commanders' continuing requirements throughout the world will dictate the number of airmen that we will have to deploy," he said.

According to the general, airmen in AEFs 9/10 and 1/2 who were identi-

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**Maj. Gen. Thomas Peppe**  
Special assistant for AEF matters  
Pentagon

fied to support Operation Iraqi Freedom but did not deploy will likely be the most vulnerable to deploy with the blue or silver AEFs.

"Ideally, as we go through the process (of matching people to these AEFs), those that have been home the longest from a previous deployment will be matched to deploy first," he said. "There may be some exceptions but I certainly hope not many. We will start with AEFs 9/10 and reach forward, as needed, to fill requirements."

Airmen selected to support the blue AEF can expect to be notified of their deployment vulnerability over the next few weeks, he said.

"Most of the major command deployment taskings will be made by June

10 and airmen should receive their notifications soon after," he said. "However, if a (major command) cannot fill a particular tasking, the AEF Center (at Langley Air Force Base, Va.) will have to source it to another (major command), which may delay some individual notifications."

These transitional AEFs will allow the Air Force to get currently deployed airmen back home to their families, he said.

The combatant commanders are already releasing forces that were deployed, but those forces may need to remain in theater until the Air Force can fill those requirements and get enough assets in theater to bring them home, he explained.

"We would like to rotate people home more quickly but the bottom line is that it takes time to make this happen," Peppe said. "But we are working the issue as hard and as fast as we can."

"Airmen need to understand that the AEF is operating 'as advertised,'" he said. "It was designed, from the start, to 'flex,' as necessary, to meet the widest range of combatant commander requirements. A transition period like the one we are experiencing now is normal as we move from

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# Speeding raises hackles, concerns for Brooks driver

By Larry Farlow

311th Human Systems Wing Public Affairs

OK, I am finally ticked off enough to complain about speeding on Brooks! When I approached the gate this morning at O-dark-thirty, I had another car cut me off, speeding up from the left hand lane and swerving into the right lane of traffic to do so.

The guy then blew by the gate guards doing at least 35 mile per hour on a dark street. Once inside the gate, he punched it to more than 40 miles per hour.

Folks, that's not speeding, that's reckless driving.

If this was an isolated incident from a single driver who took his stupid pills this morning, I would let it go, but, I am sorry to say, it's not. The speeding has become more commonplace in the past eight months.

It seems that people who would not dream of speeding through their own neighborhood forget that Brooks City-Base is another neighborhood, full of kids, joggers and pedestrians. At Brooks we have the added risk of troops marching.



A little common courtesy seems to be in order.

The posted speed limit when turning off of Military Drive to the main gate is 15 mph. More than that is speeding.

The posted speed limit for Brooks is 30 mph.

Faster than that is speeding. On some of our streets it's reckless driving.

Brooks is called the "knowledge base" because of the very intelligent people who work here. So why can't we drive more smartly?

# Mentoring: Please and thank you

By Airman 1st Class Madelyn Waychoff

388th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFPN) — I recently sent out an e-mail with a couple of questions to a few people for a story I was writing about Stop-Loss. I got many answers back, but one answer in particular stood out and made a lasting impression on me.

The answer I got back was from a major who was affected by Stop-Loss. When I asked how he felt about it and if it would change his plans for his career, he sent me the most honest, straightforward answer I have received in a long time.

"I'm an F-16 pilot at Hill who is retiring the First of May this year," said Maj. James Elwell.

"I have tried to get caught in the Stop Loss and serve longer during a time of war. I'm a warrior. I would want nothing more than to fight any chance I get, and maybe even to die in battle at 44 rather than in bed at 84. 'Stop loss?' How about 'continuation of service?' How about the mission — the defense of the United States, and her interests and allies — that we all volunteered for when we signed up? How does this effect my decision to retire? I've tried for over a month not to."

This answer made me understand how much the Air Force means to the airmen in it and the people around the world. Even though I have never met the major, his answer made me respect him and understand what being in the Air Force is really about.

I began thinking about the impression veteran troops can have on younger airmen like me. Whether the officers or noncommissioned officers realize it, they are mentors.

If their uniforms look sharp and they show respect to others, we do the same. If it's the opposite, we also do the same. I think most of what we, the younger airmen, learn in the first few years affects everything we do throughout the rest of our Air Force careers.

I have met numerous people who have many

years in the service, and they have given me the impression that the Air Force is the best place you can be. They told me to look at all the opportunities given to us and compare them with what's offered in other jobs.

They taught me that I need to be patient before I can learn everything about the Air Force.

I also learned through their stories that serving and protecting our country selflessly are the biggest rewards many of these people have received. Sure, they've gotten awards and decorations, but ultimately what made the impression on them was the ultimate joy they saw from the many people throughout the world they've helped.

In contrast, I have also had people in charge of me who made me want to leave the Air Force. They made me feel like it was the worst place in the world for me to be. Everyday I would hear them say how much they hated their jobs or make comments like "four more years and I'll be through."

I was lucky, though, when I arrived here. I found out I was working with great people who didn't treat me like a child and allowed me to use my limited job knowledge to grow and learn more about my job and the Air Force. They showed me everyday what the "real Air Force" was like.

I want to thank those around me who have taken the time to talk with me and mentor me. These people have listened and watched out for me. If I didn't understand, they explained it clearly. If I needed help, they assisted me.

Please keep letting your troops know the Air Force is a wonderful place. If there is something going on in your life, please don't take it out on the younger airmen or give them the impression from your feelings that the Air Force treats people badly or doesn't help them — it's not fair to us.

And again, thank you to those who help us and make us feel welcome in our new world. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service).

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# Historic City-Base milestone achieved during dedication ceremony

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

The May 29 dedication ceremony of the 311th Communications Squadron's Network Control Center in Bldg. 749 represented a historic milestone for the Air Force and City of San Antonio. It signaled the completion of the first major construction project during the Brooks City-Base era.

The \$950,000 Air Force Materiel Command-funded project, that doubled the NCC workspace and included other significant renovations, began in October 2002 as part of the Air Force Server Consolidation Plan.

"Technology to the warfighters is one of the Air Force's core competencies. You have brought technology to Brooks through communications, which is huge for us," said Col. Tom Travis, 311th Human Systems Wing commander.

Joining Travis in the ribbon cutting ceremony was Col. Stuart Cowles, 311th HSW vice commander, and Maj. Ian Sablad, 311th CS commander. The ceremony was held in the renovated NCC, located in the 40 x 75 foot addition.

Darryl Tolliver, 311th CS Information Systems flight chief, said the project not only provided more space in the NCC, but included room to house the Equipment Office Custodian shop that re-located there from Bldg. 130. A new lobby entrance also features the re-located Help Desk.

The project also included the construction of a conference room, kitchenette and handicapped accessible restrooms as well as major improve-



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Bogart

The ceremonial ribbon cutting during the recent dedication of Bldg. 749 signified the completion of the first major renovation project at Brooks during the City-Base era.

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311th Human Systems Wing commander

ments to the electrical power and air conditioning systems.

Travis used the dedication ceremony as a forum to present the first quarterly 311th HSW Commander's Award of 2003 to the Information Systems Flight.

# Network communicators nab third 311th HSW Commander's Award

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

The 311th Communications Squadron's Information Systems Flight made base history as the first quarterly winner of the 311th Human Systems Wing Commander's Award.

Col. Tom Travis, 311th HSW commander, presented the base's highest honor on May 29 to the group for their significant contributions to communications support during the first quarter of 2003. After he assumed command earlier this year, Travis changed the format from a monthly to a quarterly presentation.

"It's the first time we've won the award as an entire flight," said Darryl Tolliver, Information Systems Flight chief, explaining that two other groups within the flight are past winners.

The Consolidated Network Control

Center Project Team won the commander's trophy in 2000, while the Defense Messaging System Strike Force Team earned the honor in 2001.

Overall, the 311th Communications Squadron has won the Commander's Award a record seven times.

Tolliver said his 36-member flight earned the honor this time for several major accomplishments. Their contributions include a Defense Messaging System upgrade; the Equipment Office Custodian shop's conduct of a massive old equipment turn-in valued at \$2 million; maintained uninterrupted customer service and support during the Bldg. 749 renovation; installed and initiated the operation of a \$650,000 Storage Area Network; and made numerous cyber-security improvements featuring a basewide computer desktop security program.

## Rotations

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ne AEF operating environment — crisis action — to another — steady state."

"Since its beginning, I think the AEF has been a great success," he said. "I don't believe it was ever designed to handle a situation the size of the one we just had but I think it worked well. We were able to use it to (quickly) and accurately identify people to meet the combatant commanders' requirements."

The Air Force was initially tasked to deploy approximately 120,000 active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen, nearly a quarter of the service's military people, to support operations in Iraq, Peppe said.

"However, we only needed to deploy approximately 50,000," he explained. "That feat is a testament to the awesome work of our people and the AEF that was flexible enough to adapt to mission requirements and fill them as needed."

Although Air Force leaders want airmen to be reunited with their families as quickly as possible, the service still must meet the needs of the combatant commanders to continue supporting operations throughout the world, he said.



# City-Base cited twice for beautifying Texas

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

Keep Texas Beautiful recently honored Brooks City-Base with two special citations for its contributions in helping beautify the Lone Star State. The base received a citation of merit in the Governor’s Community Achievement Award competition and earned a special Government Award citation based on several key initiatives that have helped improve the environment.

Cyndy Hanson, Brooks City-Base business manager, said the base was recognized for many actions designed to enhance the Brooks community’s quality of life by promoting, protecting and preserving the area’s natural assets. Among the initiatives cited was Brooks Development Authority chairman Howard Peak’s leadership support of beautification efforts here, the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence’s wildflower project, the 311th Human Systems Wing’s eight-year designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation as “Tree City, U.S.A.,” the Columbia Memorial Plaza oak tree planting ceremony, the creation of ‘bat’ house habitats, Dr. James Wilde’s installation and maintenance of Purple Marten houses, perennial base recycling efforts and Brooks community volunteers’ participation in the annual Basura Bash cleanup of the San Antonio River.

“It’s the first time we’ve competed,” Hanson said, explaining that City-Base participated in the GCAA program to earn a \$70,000 grand prize. “Our goal to win the monetary award was to fund landscaping along Military Drive in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation,” Hanson said.



Courtesy photo

Events such as this tree planting ceremony dedicating the Columbia Memorial Plaza at Brooks were among the reasons Brooks recently received the Governor’s Community Achievement Award.

The GCAA program was inaugurated in 1969 by Keep Texas Beautiful and has been funded by TxDOT since 1986. Winning communities in the nine population categories share a \$1 million grant provided by TxDOT for state highway landscaping beautification projects.

Officials with the Austin-based GCAA program said municipal award winners are recognized for excellence in seven areas: community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and property improvement and solid waste management.

City-Base competed in category 3, won by the City of Childress. San Antonio finished second to Houston in category 9, which features a \$265,000 award.

Keep Texas Beautiful, the non-profit state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, was founded to encourage Texans to be responsible custodians of the state’s natural resources through community environment-enhancing initiatives.

## June officer promotions

The following Brooks commissioned personnel have been selected for promotion to the next highest rank. Congratulations.

**To Colonel:**  
**Kenneth Cox**  
Air Force Institute for Operational Health  
**Joel Knutson**  
311th Human Systems Wing  
**Howard Roberts**  
U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine  
**James Stewart**  
USAFSAM

**To Major:**  
**Colby Adams**  
AFIOH

**Eric Cox**  
USAFSAM  
**To Captain:**  
**Joseph Beauregard**  
311th HSW Plans and Programs  
**Jon Black**  
AFIOH  
**Josephine Morrow**  
311th HSW Financial Management  
**Tara Shumway**  
311th Human Systems Program Office

**To First Lieutenant:**  
**Leah Sprecher**  
311th YA

# Eagle Eyes involves everyone

By Kimberly Turner  
ASC Public Affairs

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations officials are encouraging all members of the local community to assist in preventing terrorism by participating in the Eagle Eyes program.

The Eagle Eyes program is an information and education campaign that teaches military members, community citizens, family members and merchants how to recognize the planning steps of terrorists and what to do if they see something suspicious.

AFOSI agents need to know who is looking at Air Force bases and why. Activities to look for are people videotaping or photographing the installation or people loitering around the gates and other facilities watching base procedures. Surveillance includes the use of cameras, note taking, maps, drawings or diagrams, the use of binoculars or other vision-en-

hancing devices, or simple observation, officials said.

Following are examples of possible terrorist surveillance activities and need to be reported immediately:

- Multiple sightings of the same suspicious person, vehicle, or activity, separated by time, distance or direction.
- Individuals at bus or train stops for extended periods while buses or trains come and go.
- Individuals who carry on long conversations on pay or cellular phones.
- Individuals who order food at a restaurant and leave before the food arrives or who order without eating.
- Joggers who stand and stretch for an inordinate amount of time.
- Individuals sitting in a parked car for an extended period of time.

Brooks personnel can contact Special Agent Rodney Johns at 925-9678 to report anything questionable, or call 257-EYES or local law enforcement.





Photo by Airman 1st Class Samantha Shieh

### Time honored tradition

Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Hollins, left, passes the symbolic “Chief’s Jeep” to newly-selected Chief Master Sgt. Angelika Flemming, superintendent of the 311th Mission Support Group Military Personnel Flight. The jeep tradition consists of awarding a jeep to the junior chief, or “Jeep Chief.” The “Jeep Chief” is responsible for the jeep until another chief select’s promotion line number comes up, or for a maximum of 30 days. During that period, other Air Force members will try to cunningly acquire the jeep and collect a reward.

## Travel

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“It saves them the cost of a stamp or a trip to a bank branch and gets the money to the bank within two or three days.”

By having all travelers pay off their travel card bills automatically, the Air Force should see a decrease in the number of delinquent accounts, he said. This is especially true if a traveler returns from a TDY as a billing cycle is about to turn over, because they can pay off the card before their account becomes 30 days past due.

If a traveler charges more to their GTC than they were authorized, they still must select split disbursement and also reimburse the bank any additional charges, he added.

“Selecting split disbursement on a travel voucher, whether done manually or on an automated travel system, is easy and requires only a few clicks of the mouse or one block to be checked on a form,” Weber said.

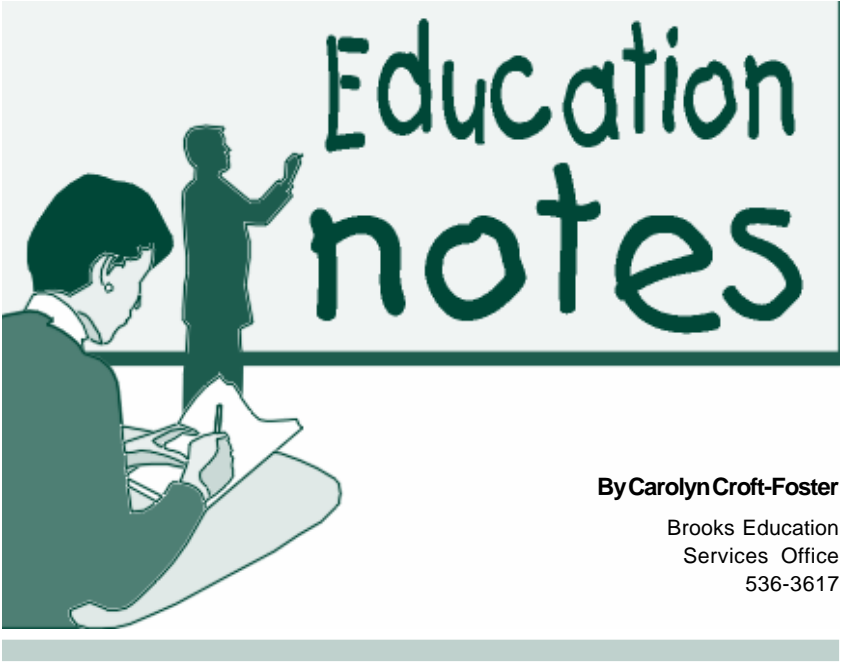
Supervisors and approving officials are required to verify travelers selected split disbursement before signing off on any voucher, he said.

“If split disbursement is not selected on a voucher, it will be returned to the traveler to be redone,” he said. “This may delay the processing of the claim and potentially put the traveler’s GTC account into a past-due status.”

Although split disbursement is not yet mandatory for civilian employees, Weber encouraged them to take advantage of its timesaving benefit.

For more information, Air Force travelers can contact their finance office or unit travel card program manager.





By Carolyn Croft-Foster

Brooks Education  
Services Office  
536-3617

**AWC Nonresident Seminar**

Recruiting for the 2004 academic year for the Air War College Nonresident Seminar Program is underway. Seminar meetings are held weekly starting in August and run until mid-June 2004. The AWC Nonresident Studies Seminar Program is open to active duty, National Guard and Reserve colonels, lieutenant colonels and lieutenant colonel-selectees, or their equivalents, of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilian employees, GS/GM-13 or above. At least eight people are required to form a seminar. Students with term credit from other editions may also enroll and should check with an AWC faculty advisor for details.

For those students who cannot take advantage of the seminar program, the correspondence program is also available for immediate enrollment. Correspondence students have six months to complete each term in the three-term core program with the required elective completed sometime during this 18-month period.

Applications are available at: [www.maxwell.af.mil/au/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm](http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm). Bring completed applications to Education Services, in Bldg. 558 or call 536-3618 for more information.

**ACSC Nonresident Seminar**

The Education and Training Center is seeking eligible major, major-selectees, GS-11s and above for the ACSC Nonresident Seminar Program. Nonresident seminars meet each week for 11 months from August 2003 until June 2004. The course grants Phase 1 Joint PME credit, Intermediate Service School credit, up to 27 semester hours of graduate course work, and reserve points as determined by AFPC. Seminars need eight enrollments per site. To register, visit Education Services to complete an ACSC application, or call 536-3618 for more information.

**Evening testing available**

Military members can take CLEP and DSST exams Wednesday evenings at the Brooks Education Services Office. Seating is limited. Call 536-3617 to reserve a seat.

**St. Mary’s University**

A graduate School representative will be at the base education center June 19. Individuals interested in pursuing a Master’s degree may obtain information by scheduling an appointment at the education center or by calling 536-3617. For additional information, call the St. Mary’s representative at 658-4852.

**Six CLEP exams retired**


The College Board is retiring six CLEP subject paper-based tests in June. The exams are: General Humanities, General Biology, General Chemistry, German, and Western Civilization I and II. Anyone wishing to take one of these exams must take it prior to June 30. The following exams will be retired Nov. 30: General English, General Mathematics, Accounting, American History I and II, and Spanish. Call the Education Center for more information or to reserve a seat.

**Virtual education center**

The Virtual Education Center is on-line. Servicemembers can view information about Air Force Education Centers and the Community College of the Air Force. CCAF students can also order CCAF transcripts from the site. To access the AFVEC go to the following Web site and establish an account at: <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>. Call the Brooks Education Center at 536-3617 for details.

**Discover on-line**

The Discover Program is a career exploration program for individuals searching for a new career. This program can be used by military, civilians, and family members. For more information, call 536-3617 to schedule an appointment to review the Web site and get started.



**Midweek mass**

Midweek mass at the Brooks Chapel is held Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Mass is held each first Friday of the month and on holy days of obligation. Mass is open for the entire base Roman Catholic community. Call 536-3824 for details.

**Lifebuilder’s series**

The Lifebuilder’s Lunchtime Series continues Wednesdays at noon at the Chapel Annex. Contact the Chapel staff for more information.

**Chapel schedule:**

**Weekdays:**

11:30 a.m. — Mass or Eucharistic service

**Wednesdays:**

12 p.m. — Lifebuilders luncheon  
6 p.m. — Catholic choir rehearsal

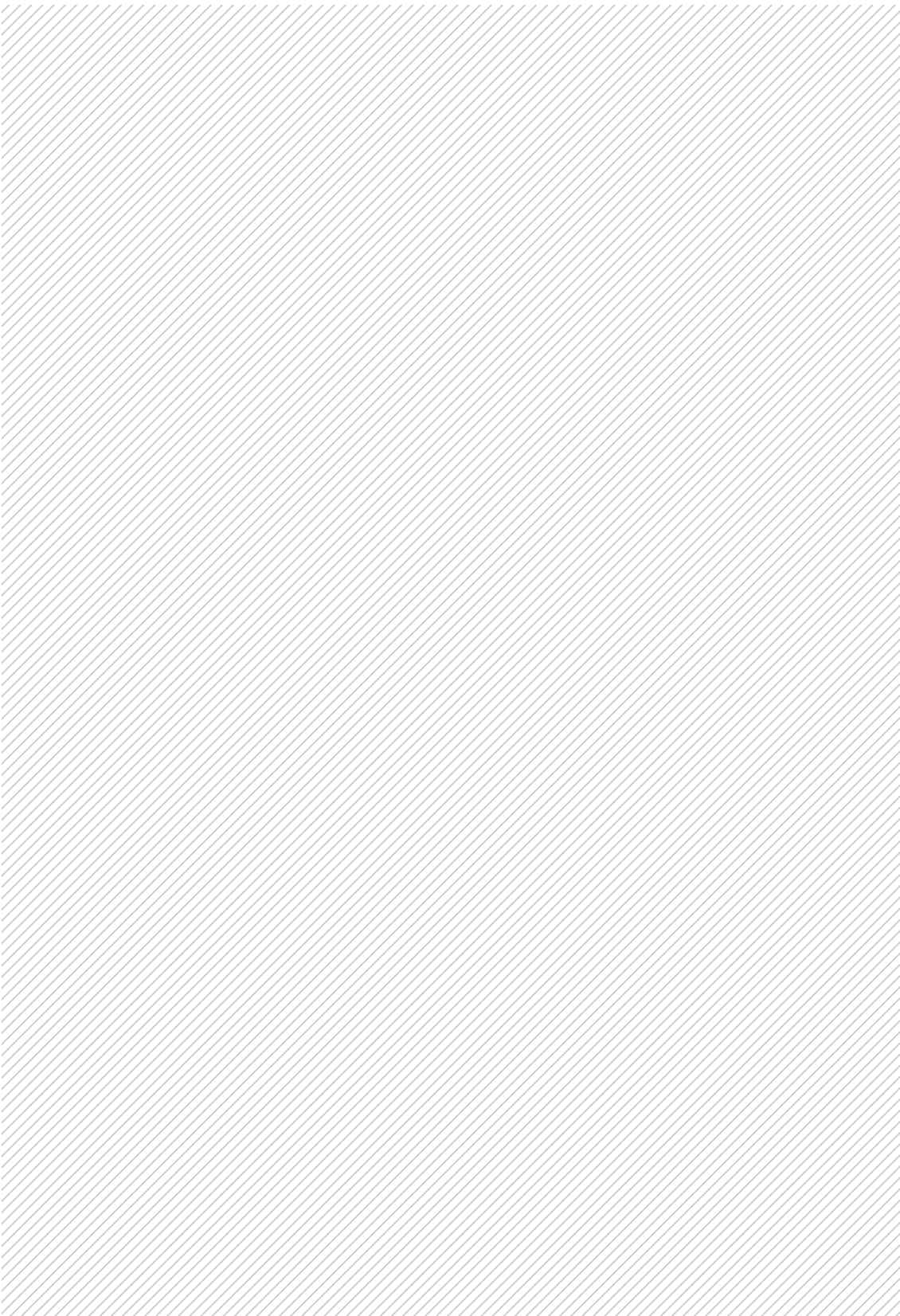
**Thursdays:**

7:30 p.m. Protestant choir rehearsal

**Sundays:**

9 a.m. — Catholic Mass  
10:30 a.m. — Catholic religious education

9 a.m. — Protestant Sunday School, ages 3-adult  
10:30 a.m. — Protestant Worship, includes children’s church





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The COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE is your opportunity to make Brooks a better place to live, work and play.

If you have a suggestion for improvement, a complaint or a problem that you have not been able to resolve through normal complaint channels or the chain of command, call the COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE, 536-2222.

Only items of general interest will be published, so please leave your name and number for a personal response.

The base agencies listed below can be contacted directly:

Col. Tom Travis  
311th Human Systems  
Wing commander

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SFS after duty hours.....	536-2851
311th Civil Engineer Squadron.....	536-3861
311th Communications Squadron.....	536-6571
311th Mission Support Group Logistics Division.....	536-3541
Safety.....	536-2111
Housing Maintenance.....	533-4100
Housing Office.....	536-1840
311th Services Division.....	536-2545
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Brooks Development Office.....	536-3372
Brooks City-Base Marketing and Development Office.....	536-5366



## Brooks Family Support Center activities

Call 536-2444  
for information

### Sponsor training

**June 10, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bldg. 537—**  
In accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3011, sponsor training is mandatory for all first-time sponsors and those who have not sponsored within the past year. Others are welcome to attend to learn about tools and resources available for sponsors.

### Bundles for babies

**June 11, 8 a.m. - noon, Bldg. 537—**  
Active duty Air Force couples with a newborn or expecting a child should plan on attending this Air Force Aid Society sponsored class. Get information about budgeting, basic baby care, infant development, effective parenting, car seat regulations and more. Contact the Family Support Center for additional information.

### Smooth move

**June 12, 12:30 - 3 p.m., Bldg. 537—**  
PCSing? Hear briefings from travel, legal, the clinic, finance, housing and the Family Support Center and ask your questions. The seminar is open to all active duty members, DoD civilians and spouses.

### PCS overseas

**June 12, 3 - 4 p.m., Bldg. 537—**  
Any move can be stressful, but an overseas move has its own set of challenges and opportunities. Learn more about your OCONUS PCS by attending the Smooth Move seminar and staying after for this class.

### Heart Link, spouse orientation

**June 26, 8 a.m.-noon, Bldg. 537—**  
The program is designed for spouses of military members married less than five years, but all military spouses are welcome to attend. Learn about you and the Air Force and where you fit in, protocol, customs and rank structure, military benefits and support agencies and communicating in the Air Force. A handbook and lunch are provided. Childcare may be provided. Contact Tech. Sgt. Austin Peoples at 536-2444 to register.

### Extended VA assistance hours

**Wednesday, 9-1 p.m., Bldg. 537—**  
The on-site VA representative now has appointments at Brooks every other Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., as well as each Wednesday between 9 a.m.- 1p.m. Schedule an appointment with the representative here and receive assistance filling out claims, screening medical records and one-on-one consultations. Bring one original and two copies of medical records.





# 101 Critical Days of Summer has begun

By Rita Boland  
Staff Writer

Memorial Day weekend kicked off the 101 Critical Days of Summer, the 15-week period where the Air Force, and the nation in general, experience the most injuries and fatalities.

Each year the Air Force launches a campaign encouraging personnel to utilize personal risk management in on-duty and off-duty activities.

“Personal application of risk management on or off-duty helps us make the proper decisions, the safe decision,” said David Lemme, chief of Ground Safety for the 311th Human Systems Wing. “The application of personal risk management will assist that individual in using good judgement on what to do.”

Last year, the Air Force lost 30 members during the 101 Critical Days, only two of them died while on-duty. Of the 28 off-duty fatalities, 23 involved an automobile or motorcycle. Private motor vehicle accidents continually rank as the number one killer of personnel while off-duty.

“Motor vehicle (fatalities) leads the pack by far,” Lemme said.

In calendar year 2002, 138 fatal accidents led to 149 deaths within the city limits of San Antonio. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, early assessments for 2002 estimate motor vehicle fatalities across the nation at 42,850.

“Here’s what’s alarming,” Lemme said, “2,914,000 were injured in the nation as a result of motor vehicle mishaps.”

NHTSA estimates the total number of accidents, including non-fatal, non-injury, at 6,241,000.

“We know that number is higher because all motor vehicle mishaps are not reported,” Lemme said. “It’s the most potentially hazardous activity in the city, in the state, in the nation.”

The potential for motor vehicle accidents increases in the summer months as more families take vacations and road trips. All motorists can take precautions to help protect themselves from a crash.

The best protection in case of an accident is the use of a seatbelt. All passengers and the driver should buckle up while in the vehicle. Children under one year and/or under 20 pounds should ride in a rear-facing car seat in the back seat. Children over one year and 20-40 pounds need to sit in a forward facing car seat. Children 40-80 pounds need to ride in a booster seat to keep the seatbelt in the proper location across the chest. Children under 12 should never ride in the front seat, especially if the car has an airbag.

Operators of motor vehicles also need to drive defensively. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons provide these tips: when approaching a green light, be prepared for it to turn red; proceed slowly when a light turns to green from red, looking both ways while crossing intersections; yellow lights mean slow down, not speed up; and some states don’t permit right on red and even states that do forbid the turn at some intersections.

## 101 Critical Days facts to remember

- 30 Air Force members killed during 101 Critical Days last year
- 28 of 30 deaths occurred during off-duty activity
- 23 of 28 deaths were motorcycle or vehicle accidents
- 149 people died in automobile accidents in San Antonio in 2002.

**Nearly all motor vehicle mishaps can be avoided.**

Drivers should also keep a safe distance between their car and the car in front of them (two seconds is a general rule, with added seconds for inclement weather) and keep emotions in check to avoid road rage. If a driver feels fatigue, he or she should pull over in a safe place and take a nap or a walk to feel refreshed. Before embarking on a long trip, drivers should get a good night’s sleep. Drivers should obey all posted speed limits and reduce car speed for congested roadways or bad weather.

“Folks look at (the speed limit) and add 10...exceeding what engineers have determined to be safe for that road,” Lemme said. Of course, no one should ever operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. In Texas, fines for driving while intoxicated include up to \$2,000, up to six months in jail and driver’s license suspension for up to one year.

Texas also has a zero tolerance policy regarding minors and alcohol. According to the Texas Department of Transportation anyone under the age of 21 who attempts to buy alcohol, possesses alcohol or drives under the influence could lose their driver’s license

for up to six months, face fines of \$500, perform 20-40 hours of community services and take a mandatory alcohol awareness class. Any amount of alcohol can trigger the penalties.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld released a memorandum in mid-May challenging the military to reduce the number of mishaps and accidents by 50 percent in the next two years.

“In the past years we’ve been trying to reach 3 percent,” Lemme said.

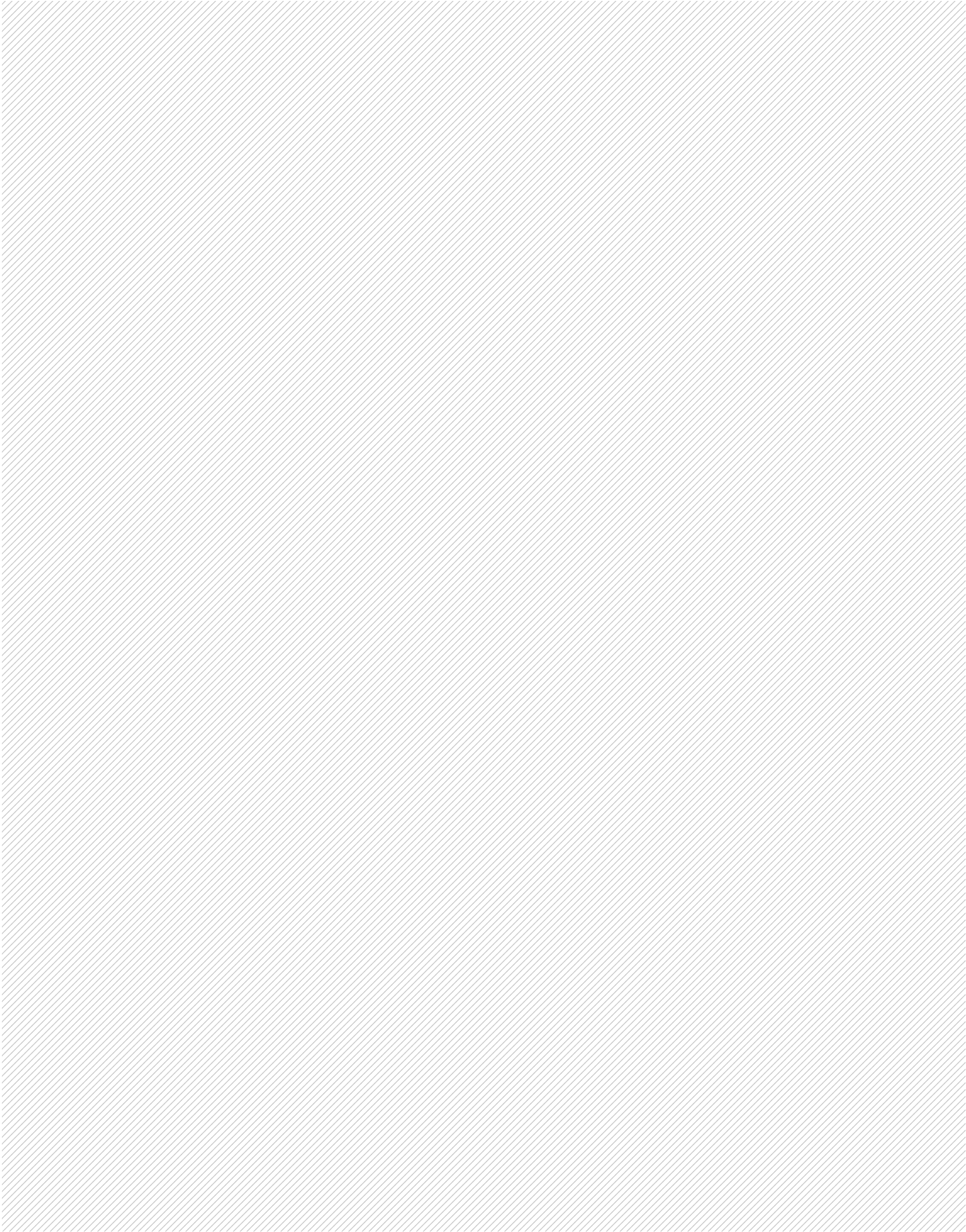
Air Force statistics show that most mishaps occur in personnel ages 18-25. After driving, the most mishaps occur when airmen participate in sports and recreation activities.

“What it boils down to is each of us must exercise personal risk management and be responsible for our actions,” Lemme said.

Brooks personnel should keep an eye out for safety messages and posters throughout the summer. In addition, the safety office purchased and distributed a Texas Road Tips booklet for each employee on Brooks, including contractors.

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# Feature



## Brooks Personality PROFILE



Dufour

## Q&A

**FULL NAME:**

Capt. Karey M. Dufour

**DUTY TITLE, ORGANIZATION:**

Executive Officer to the 311th Human Systems Wing commander

**WHAT IS MY JOB?:**

Lots of paperwork and taking care of Colonel Travis and Colonel Cowles

**BIRTHDAY:**

May 24

**HOMETOWN:**

Madawaska, Maine

**FAMILY STATUS:**

First of two children, single and I have a dog

**NICKNAME I CALL MYSELF:**

LB (L'il Britches)

**MOTTO:**

In life you have two choices; to be positive or to be negative. It makes everyone around you happy when you choose to be positive.

**INSPIRATIONS:**

My parents

**HOBBIES:**

I have no life, I work all the time. I do have a Harley that I absolutely adore. I love to play softball and ski when I do get some time.

**PET PEEVE:**

Being lied to and dealing with "slackers"

**BOOK(S) AT BEDSIDE:**

Nights in Rodanthe by Nicholas Sparks

**I JOINED THE MILITARY BECAUSE:**

My father took me to my first air show at Loring Air Force Base, Maine, when I was very young. I loved all the planes and blue uniforms.

**FIVE-YEAR GOAL:**

To be a squadron commander

**ULTIMATE GOAL:**

To retire and build a large house on the Penobscot River in Old Town, Maine

**IF I WON THE LOTTERY I'D:**

Give it to my family and friends, maybe travel the world for four months

**MY FAVORITE MUSIC:**

Depends on my mood

**MY GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT:**

is getting commissioned.

**MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:**

is family, friends and my dog.



By Rita Boland

Staff Writer

Capt. Karey Dufour credits her parents for just about everything. She credits them for her upbeat attitude and sense of gratitude for each day. She also credits her parents with giving her a love for people and the desire to join the military.

Her father took her to her first air show at Loring Air Force Base, Maine, when she was a child, and she developed a love for America's defenders.

"I got hooked on all the planes and everyone looked so sharp in their blue uniforms," Dufour said. "... it just looked cool."

She said she always knew she'd be in the military somehow, though her life took a few twists and turns on the path to the Air Force.

Dufour learned to enjoy helping people while working for her father at his small store. From the age of 10, she handled customers at the cash register and in other functions, gradually working her way to the position of manager. "Dealing with people was my life," Dufour said.

Dufour started college with a major in business, following in her father's footsteps.

"I just assumed that was what he wanted me to do," she said. "It's always been a thing in our family - make your parents happy."

Business did not make Dufour happy, however, and when she took macroeconomics, she knew the time had come to take a different path in life.

"I found out I hated macroeconomics," Dufour said.

She went to her father to tell him of her decision, fearing his disappointment. Instead, he expressed his surprise that she ever chose a business degree because of him and encouraged her to pursue another major.

"(My parents) would support me in anything I wanted to do," Dufour said. She switched her major to nursing, working for five years as an EMT through nursing school before joining the Air Force, and never looked back.

"I loved every minute of it," Dufour said. "I loved being a nurse from day one."

Dufour worked as an EMT-Intermediate for the University of Maine Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Though the work was stressful and sometimes saddening, the job reaffirmed her desire to make an impact on people. "I got hooked on taking care of people," she said.

During her university years she began looking at military options and she narrowed her choices down to the Navy and Air Force and finally decided on the Air Force.

"I almost joined the Navy, but they told me I'd be on a ship for six months," Dufour said.

She decided to join the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Maine and loved every minute of it. She worked her way up to Cadet Corps Commander her senior year and credits her commander, Lt. Col. Mike Rosebush (now retired), with her love of the Air Force and all it has to offer.

She tried to become a pilot, but they told her she was too short. Since the Air Force had a shortage of nurses, she continued nursing and eventually became a flight nurse.

Despite the winding road, Dufour reached her goal of making her parents happy with her career choice when she received her commission. Her father always wanted to be in the Air Force and tried to enlist during Vietnam, but was turned down because of a bad back. Her mother just felt pride and happiness in her daughter's work and accomplishments.

"I remember the day I got my commission, my mother cried more than I did," Dufour said.

Dufour had the opportunity to use her skills aiding people like never before, during her tour at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

While briefing the commander about something completely unrelated, word came in that there was an explosion on the USS Cole in Yemen.

"It was the first time we found out before CNN," Dufour said.

The commander looked at her and told her she'd be going and she'd be in charge. As she prepared to depart she called her parents to tell them she was going on a classified mission, but they could watch CNN for more information.

The medical evacuation did not go

smoothly. Before the flight crew arrived, another "apparent" bomb went off at the British embassy. The patients from the USS Cole were dispersed at two area hospitals, but higher-ups commanded the crew to remain in the airport because the danger of going through the streets was too great. Instead, the patients arrived in a sectioned-off terminal of the airport.

"It was one of the most chaotic yet orchestrated events," Dufour said. "It's hard to describe."

When Dufour arrived at the terminal, she described the wall of gloom.

"I remember walking in and there were people lined against three walls with their heads down like this," she said, touching her chin to her chest. "The first thing they saw was this," she continued, pointing to the American flag on her flight suit, "and it was like a light went on. They were going home."

The crew loaded the patients into the plane to go back to Germany, but the flight line at Ramstein was fogged in. Instead, the plane diverted to Rhein Main AB in Frankfurt, Germany and two rickety old buses, followed by tow trucks in case of a breakdown, made the hour-and-a-half drive to pick up the patients.

"We had a course director, Lt. Col. Judi Kincaid, at the School of Aerospace Medicine who gave this spiel at graduations," Dufour said. "You may get your wings pinned on today and think you've earned them, but you'll have that mission where you know you earned those wings. That was the day I earned mine."

Now, serving as the executive officer for the wing, she has a different kind of stress, no more life and deaths, but the same attitude.

She explained her life view with a story in which a couple's car is stolen. The husband comes in ranting and raving about the missing car and his wife tells him he can choose to have a good day or a bad day. Either way the car is gone.

"Having a positive attitude is a choice, you can be negative or you can be positive" Dufour said.

Brooks can be positive that Dufour will be too.

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# Brooks firefighter juggles off-duty career as 'The Torch'

By Rudy Purificato  
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This former Brooks firefighter doesn't possess comic book superhero powers, yet he's quite adept at juggling fire and just about anything else in his gravity-defying hands.

While local basketball fans know Staff Sgt. Robert Garcia for his extraordinary hardcourt skills used 'to torch' an opponent's defense, children know him best for dazzling them with his God-given gift as a juggler.

"With the kids, I make a game out of my juggling. I ask them if anybody is wearing hairspray," says Garcia, jokingly telling them to be wary of his torches setting their hair on fire.

"I have to be entertaining. I can't just rely on juggling because children have a short attention span. I have to make it short and exciting," admits Garcia, who is also called "The Torch." He always ensures safety during his act, especially when juggling four flaming torches while riding a unicycle.

Assigned to the Brooks Finance Office where he juggles numbers, Garcia has for years spent his off-duty time performing at children's birthday parties and church summer camps.

Although he admits not being a juggler "natural," Garcia appears to have inherited his ability to entertain from his father, Dr. Robert Garcia, pastor of San Antonio's Ven A El Church.

"My dad has actually used entertainment as part of his ministry. He is a ventriloquist, magician and juggler," Garcia said.

Born on Dec. 21, 1976 in Fort Worth, Texas, Garcia grew up watching his father perform. "He taught me how to juggle three balls," recalls Garcia, describing the hand-eye coordination that the art requires along with intense concentration.

Garcia gradually learned to juggle more difficult objects such as tennis

rackets and kitchen knives. Today, he dazzles even professional jugglers with a routine that seems impossible: juggling three empty five-gallon water jugs. "I'm really good at juggling three or four things," he says, explaining that juggling requires being comfortable with the objects' rhythm or pattern of movement.

After graduating from Holmes High School in 1995, Garcia learned two important skills that has today made him 'a hot' entertainment commodity. While studying broadcast journalism at San Antonio College, Garcia learned to juggle flaming torches and ride the unicycle.

"A juggler partner and I practiced passing torches between us," he recalls, noting that it's dangerous when the wind turns them into 'blow torches.'

His fire juggling routine has occasionally gotten him into hot water. The year 1997 became a watershed series of events for Garcia. "I was hired to perform at the grand opening of a new H.E.B.," Garcia said, an event that sparked a 'Kodak moment.'

"I was juggling the torches when I set off the smoke detectors. Sheets of water poured down on the crowd," he confessed, adding, "the fire department couldn't shut off the sprinklers. The management thought it was funny."

While it didn't rain on Garcia's parade during Macy's grand opening that same year, he did experience a meltdown of sorts. Sturchio Entertainment had hired him for commercial promotions, but with one amusing condition.

"They asked me to be a clown. I had no clue of what was needed to be one. I didn't know how to put on makeup, so I just glopped it on," he said.

When Garcia showed up at the North Star Mall, no one could see the blood drain from his face beneath his white clown makeup.



Displaying some of his "tools" of the juggling art, Robert Garcia is unafraid to juggle anything that is not nailed down.



Photos by Rudy Purificato

Robert Garcia first learned to juggle flaming torches while on solid ground, not while riding a uni-cycle.

"They had a parade of clowns, about 20 of them from all over Texas," he recalls, admitting that they were professionals who rode more skillfully on unicycles that were much taller than his.

"The (other) clowns just stared at me," he said, "wondering, 'who's this clown?'" Their searing stares, and the heat, caused Garcia's makeup to stream down his face. His discomfort was further enhanced by having to ride his tiny unicycle amidst a moving forest of taller, more expertly propelled unicycles, making him feel like a midget among giants.

The naturally shy Garcia also felt even smaller standing beside the diminutive, but bombastic radio show host Sonny Melendrez. "Hey, clown," belted Melendrez to Garcia, "come take a picture with us." Put on the spot, Garcia graciously agreed to pose with Melendrez and store patrons, all the while feeling his makeup dripping off his chin. As embarrassing as that moment had become for Garcia, he truly felt humiliation during an incident at Brooks.

Three years ago, Garcia practiced juggling baseball bats at night outside his dorm.

"I was practicing between the dorm and parking lot," he recalls, noting that a crowd had formed to witness him "go batty."

"I bounced a bat off my head and caught it," he said, explaining that the crowd apparently either thought it was part of his act or didn't notice the mistake. "I ended the routine and went

upstairs to take some Advil." As he was climbing the stairs, a female dorm resident who had observed his "Jack B. Nibble" performance, shouted, "Juggling those bats was amazing, but I saw the bat hit your head."

He knew then that he probably would not have a future working in the circus. However, today he is comfortable in being a "hot item" as a human torch who was born to juggle.

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Balance, concentration and safety are Robert Garcia's major concerns when performing his juggling act on a uni-cycle.





# New Sports Day events a hit with Brooks athletes

By Rudy Purificato  
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While three new Squadron Sports Day events may not have been physically challenging, they nonetheless made participants sweat in the heat of stiff competition.

Traditionally confined to social gatherings as non-team recreational activities, horseshoes, 8-ball pool and Ping Pong seemed to have found a niche among Sports Day loyalists.

“This is a great farm sport. I played it with my aunts and uncles during family reunions and picnics,” said Eric Stephens, Air Force Institute for Operational Health director. Stephens, who grew up as a ‘city slicker’ near Champagne, Ill. reminisced about learning the sport which has been a popular rural recreational activity in America for centuries.

Pablo Segura, fitness center specialist who served as the horseshoes competition’s official scorer, said the activity had been played at Brooks years before there was a Sports Day. The horseshoe pits located behind the fitness center is evidence of the sport’s past popularity.

“The pits were filled with dirt. I had to re-fill them with sand,” Segura said, noting that horseshoes and the other new sports had never before been Sports Day events.

While the horseshoes used during the competition were painted Civil War ‘blue and gray,’ participants were civil in their war to earn points.

“Twenty one points wins. You have to win by two or more points,” explained Segura, who noted that points are earned by pitching a pair of horseshoes to the metal scoring stake. A ‘ringer’ or dead on placement of the horseshoe on the stake earns three points; a



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alfonso Ramirez Jr.

**Staff Sgt. Ty Richards, assigned to the Air Force Institute for Operational Health, demonstrated his skill at pool during the recent Squadron Sports Day activities. This is the first year that pool, as well as horseshoes, and ping pong were included in the Sports Day activities. Despite his experience, Richards lost his first match.**

horseshoe that leans on the stake, called ‘a leaner,’ earns two points; and the horseshoe closest to the stake during a round earns one point.

At the Student Activity Center, which served as the venue for 8-ball pool and Ping Pong, several ‘ringers’ (experts) might have been on hand.

“It is the benefit of my misplaced youth,” admits Ty Richards, describing his skill in pool while gingerly clutching a custom pool cue that his uncle Randall Fry had made. “It was a Christmas present from my wife Malisha who bought it from my Uncle Randy. My uncle made custom pool cues for about ten years in my home

town of Nixa, Missouri,” explained Richards.

While not admitting to being a pool shark like fabled champion Minnesota Fats, Richards had until a few years ago honed his skills on his own pool table at home. However, he was transformed from a would-be pool hustler to an actual hustler of ‘Pampers’ when he became a father. “It (pool table) became a big changing table for my kid,” he says. Despite the tempting opportunity to consider using the baby as a prop for trick shots, such a notion was never realized.

The game that Sports Day enthusiasts played is a variation of what is

called pocket billiards. Pool’s variations derived from the English game of billiards that features a table with no pockets.

“This is the first pool tournament I have been in,” confessed Richards, who eventually lost his match in the single-elimination event.

Having each sunk all their numbered balls, the match between Richards and his opponent came down to the first player sinking the black and white colored ball, or in the vernacular of American slang: “being put behind the 8-ball.”

A table game with no pockets and just one fast-moving ball drew plenty of fans to the Ping Pong matches, including competitor Ed Reder with the 311th Communications Squadron.

“I played it in the desert last summer during a 90-day deployment to Oman,” said Reder, admitting there’s no difference in how San Antonio and Middle East heat affects the flight of the tiny plastic ball.

“It (game) depends on technique rather than raw power. If you hit the ball hard, but can’t hit the table you won’t win,” confessed Reder, explaining that wrist and arm movement play a significant part in how players control the flight of the ball.

Although no one brought a radar gun to the event, some viciously propelled Ping Pong balls were estimated to have traveled at speeds approaching 100 mph. At such speed the projectiles, which are filled with an unidentified non-hazardous gas, can cause mild pain and humiliation when bounced off a head, knee or groin.

No injuries or humiliated players resulted during the competition that showcased a sport that is officially called table tennis. The name Ping Pong was added as an American trademark after the sport was first developed in England around 1880.

Table tennis was derived from the older sport of lawn tennis. The first world table tennis championship was held in 1926.

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# AFIOH dethrones YA for Squadron Sports Day crown

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Just weeks ago they both changed their name. Now the newly named Squadron Sports Day has a new champion with the Air Force Institute for Operational Health having changed places with the annual event’s perennial winner.

Formerly known as AFIERA, AFIOH dethroned the two-time defending champion 311th Human Systems Program Office, beating them by three points to capture the championship that used to be called Squadron Challenge.

AFIOH scored a total of 50 points in the May 16 series of contests that has been held since 1995 in conjunction with the Air Force’s annual physical fitness month.

For a few anxious moments following Sports Day’s final event, the fitness center’s official scorers thought that YA had tied AFIOH when the defending champ won the tug-of-war contest. However, a re-examination of the final team scores revealed that AFIOH



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Bogart

**Following Sports Day’s final event, the fitness center scorers thought that YA had tied AFIOH when YA won the tug-of-war contest. However, after re-examining the final team scores, AFIOH was announced as the official overall winner. YA finished second with 47 points.**

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Neither the new champion nor the runnersup dominated Sports Day. Both organizations won just three events

each, with AFIOH finishing first in the 5K Run, women’s racquetball and women’s tennis, and YA winning men’s racquetball, tug-of-war and the women’s 100 meter dash.

Two other organizations also won three events apiece with the 311th Medical Squadron capturing one-pitch softball, Ping Pong and horseshoes, while the 311th Mission Support Group winning golf, 3 on 3 men’s basketball and the men’s 100 meter dash.

Sports day 2003 standings		
Place	Team	Points
1	AFIOH	50
2	YA	47
3	AFRL	35
4	MDS	33
5	MSG/MRO	32
6	68th IOS	30
7	AFMOA	12
-	PK	12
8	USAMRD	8
9	311th HSW	7
10	USAFSAM	6
11	AFCEE	2





**By Jan McMahon**  
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**Base Library**

**Bldg. 705, 536-2634**

It's story time at the Base Library. Join Tammy Doan every Tuesday morning for a fun filled half-hour of stories and activities. Stories and activities are offered for children two years and younger from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Children 3 to 6 years of age can listen to stories and work on craft projects from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Doan has volunteered her time to read to the children throughout the summer so make plans to bring your children to Story Time.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, closed Friday, Saturday and holidays, and open Sundays from 1:30 to 6 p.m.

**Brooks Club**

**Bldg. 204, 536-3782**

Stop by and enjoy a beverage or an order off the Boars Head Pub menu on the new deck at the Brooks Club. Bring the entire family out to Family Night Tuesdays at the club and enjoy a great buffet. The cost for adults is only \$4 and children ages 6 through 10 eat for

\$2. Children 5 years and younger are free.

**Premiere Designs**

**Bldg. 705, 536-2120**

Various sizes of pre-cut wood and metal frames are available at great savings. All frames are sold as is. Many have small imperfections that do not distract from their beauty. This is a great opportunity to frame those photos that are just lying in drawers or filed away. Prices vary from \$5 to \$35 so now is the time to purchase several.

**Outdoor Recreation**

**Bldg. 1154, 536-2881**

No place to put those extra items around the home or office? Rent an indoor storage unit and clear up the clutter. Forty-eight units are conveniently located on the flight line across from Outdoor Recreation. A 6' x 12' unit rents for \$35 per month and a 12' x 12' unit rents for \$60 per month. Call for more information.

Are you planning an organizational party, unit gathering, family reunion, birthday party or a large gathering of friends? Host your event at one of the four pavilions at Brooks. Prices range from \$25-\$45. Call 536-2881 for specific details on fees and location.

Rent a bicycle and enjoy the local area and some local history for a wonderful day out. Outdoor Recreation also has camping equipment for those who want to spend the night under the stars. Stop by and check out the items available for rent.

**FamFest 2003**

The date is rapidly approaching for the first City-Base Picnic. FamFest 2003 is scheduled for June 20. The event begins at 11 a.m. with opening ceremonies at the base picnic grounds. An afternoon of great food, beverages and entertainment follows. Food and beverage tickets can be purchased from ticket booths located throughout the picnic area beginning at 10 a.m. Enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, turkey legs, hula hula chicken, chalupas, nachos, ice cream,

Popsicles, lemonade, root beer floats, funnel cakes, strawberry shortcake, iced tea, bottled water, sodas, sno cones and more. It's sure to be a fun-filled day for the whole family. The Spurs Coyote is scheduled to make a guest appearance.

Other events include a petting zoo, pony rides, slides, bouncing castle and games for children of all ages. Arts and crafts vendors will display and sell their items, including handmade leis, Asian art, shadow boxes, gourmet luxury soaps, stoneware pottery by Chohlidakis Originals, artwork and nature photography by Negative Attitude, Copper Designs, wood crafted items by Olivia's Woodcraft and Jewelry from Brandi. The entertainment lineup features Hula Hulau Elikapeka, island dances, Second Nature Band, Goodtimes Band, D.J. Marvin Lee and a magic show and ventriloquist. Antique cars will also be displayed. The 341st Headquarters Recruiting Group will display the Air Force Recruiting Talon. Sponsors for the event are Team Integrated Engineering, Inc., MSO, Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union and Eisenhower National Bank. Whataburger, Sea World, Fiesta Texas, University of Texas at San Antonio, TEXAS Wildlife and the Hard Rock Café made donations to the event. (No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended.)

**Scholarship drive**

The 311th Services Division has initiated a scholarship drive for The Carver Academy, founded by San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson. A presentation to the Carver Academy is scheduled during the opening ceremony at FamFest 2003, at 11a.m., June 20, at the base picnic grounds. Personnel affiliated with Brooks can make donations by check to the Brooks MWR and annotate "Carver Academy Scholarship Fund" in the memo field. Brooks Top 3 was the first to make a donation and issued a challenge to all other organizations. For more information on the Carver Academy visit their website at: [www.carveracademy.com](http://www.carveracademy.com). Donations are collected in the Services Market-

ing Office, Bldg. 1154, through June 13. Contact Vida Marsh at 536-8057 with questions.

**The Services facility managers and their phone numbers are listed below. Contact them with comments, suggestions or complaints about facilities or programs.**

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**Youth Services Center**  
Dixie Bonomo, director  
Bldg. 470, 536-2515

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Rich Bentley, manager  
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**Consolidated Club System**  
Al Southerland, manager  
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**Golf Course**  
Jose Valadez, manager  
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